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SUBJECT: PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

INTRODUCTION

1. PURPOSE: This Order establishes procedures for the consideration of environmental impacts in decisionmaking for United States Department of Transportation actions. It facilitates working better together throughout the Department to achieve excellent outcomes, particularly for carrying out multi-modal transportation projects more effectively, while protecting and enhancing the environment. It also reflects requirements in the National Environmental Policy Act and the Council on Environmental Quality regulations to reduce delay and cost in the environmental impact analysis process.
2. CANCELLATION. DOT 5610.1C, PROCEDURES FOR CONSIDERING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS, dated 9-18-79 with changes dated 7-13-82 and 7-30-85.
3. AUTHORITY. This Order provides instructions for implementing Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA, 42 USC 4321-4347) and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (CEQ Regulations, 40 CFR 1500-1508). It also provides guidance on integrating the implementation of other environmental laws, regulations and Executive Orders into the NEPA process, including, but not limited to, Sections 2(b) and 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (DOT Act, 49 USC 1653 and 303(c)); Section 176 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 USC 7401); Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA, 16 USC 470); Sections 303 and 307 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (43 USC 1241); Section 2 of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 USC 661); Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended (16 USC 1533); Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (the Clean Water Act, 33 USC 1314); the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevenson Act); Executive Order (EO) 11988, Floodplain Management; EO 11990, Protection of Wetlands; EO 12114, Environmental Effects Abroad of Major Federal Actions; EO 12372, Intergovernmental

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Review of Federal Programs; EO 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations; and EO 13148, Greening the Government Through Leadership in Environmental Management. In addition, where environmental impact statements are required, the Order provides instructions for implementing Sections 138 and 109 of Federal-Aid Highway Legislation (Highway Act, Title 23, USC); Sections 16 and 18(a) of the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970 (Airport Act, 49 USC 1716, 1718); and Sections 5301(e) and 5324(b) of the Federal Transit Law at 49 USC.

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